

## SMALL HIVE BEETLE AGREEMENT

The following Counties (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, Yuba) have mutually agreed to the following terms and conditions for bee hive movement, concerning Small Hive Beetle (SHB) (a “Q” rated pest of California Department of Food and Agriculture), as follows:

All bee colonies entering the state will enter under a state quarantine hold notice (008).

1. Low Priority Colony inspections: (these colonies may incur additional inspections, at the Commissioners discretion)
  - a. Colonies officially inspected and certified free from SHB 30 days or less, prior to entering the state, will be allowed to enter the above counties.
  - b. Colonies that are officially certified as to being treated for SHB a minimum of one (1) day and a maximum of forty-five (45) days, prior to entering the state, will be allowed to enter the above counties.
  - c. Beekeepers not following requirements of the Quarantine hold notice (008) at destination (i.e. contacting the commissioner as to location of colonies and timely notification to commissioner of arrival) may have appropriate enforcement action taken against them up to and including Administrative Civil Penalties.
2. High Priority Colony inspections: (colonies will be inspected)
  - a. Colonies that are neither, officially certified treated or certified free from SHB 30 days or less, prior to entering the state, will be inspected at destination, at the Commissioners discretion.
  - b. Colonies found to be infested with SHB will be required to be treated (both hives and staging site) or move out of state or move to an infested county, at the commissioner’s discretion. The cost of treatment and movement will be born by the beekeeper.
  - c. Beekeepers not following requirements of the Quarantine hold notice (008) at destination (i.e. contacting the commissioner as to location of colonies and timely notification to commissioner of arrival) may have appropriate enforcement action taken against them up to and including Administrative Civil Penalties.
3. Known SHB Infested Colonies at the Border Station.
  - a. Colonies either known to be infested or found to be infested at the Border Station shall either be treated prior to coming into one of the “Agreement Counties” or be routed to an infested County (with the infested County Agricultural Commissioners approval), or to an accepting County (based on the Agricultural Commissioners approval) for treatment prior to entering an “Agreement County”.
4. Shasta and Sutter Counties are prohibiting any movement of colonies (hives or other appliances) infested with SHB into or within their Counties. Only colonies (hives or appliances) certified free from SHB within 30 days prior to entry into their Counties will be allowed in. Any colonies (hives or other appliances) found to be infested with SHB shall follow the procedures in Section 2.b. of this agreement. (SHB 12 7 05)

